## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown:

- 1. (Original) Liquid duroplastics, characterised in that they contain pyrogenically prepared silica which has been surface-modified with silanes containing methacrylic groups.
- 2. (Original) Liquid duroplastics according to claim 1, characterised in that the pyrogenically prepared silica has been structurally modified.
- 3. (Original) Method of reinforcing duroplastics, characterised in that a mixture of the uncrosslinked resin and a pyrogenically prepared silica which has been modified with silanes containing methacrylic groups is prepared.
- 4. (New) A method for reinforcing a liquid duroplastic comprising mixing an uncrosslinked resin with a pyrogenically prepared silica which has been surface-modified with at least one silane containing a methacrylic group.
- 5. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the silica has the following properties:

BET surface area	$m^2/g$	20 to	380
particle size NM		6 to	110
tamped density	g/l	50 to	600
pН		3 to	10
carbon content	%	0.1 to	15
DBP number	%	< 200	

- 6. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the silica has a BET surface area of approximately  $200 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ .
- 7. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the silica has been prepared by flame hydrolysis.
- 8. (New). The method according to Claim 4, wherein the silane is a methacryloxypropyltrialkoxysilane and the alkoxy is methoxy, ethoxy or propoxy.
- 9. (New) A method for reinforcing a liquid resin comprising photopolymerizing at least one of a reactive monomer and a reactive oligomer with a pyrogenically prepared silica which has been surface modified with at least one silane containing a methacrylic group.
- 10. (New) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the resin is an unsaturated polyester.
- 11. (New) A liquid, curable duroplastic composition comprising an uncrosslinked polymer and a pyrogenically prepared silica which has been surface-modified with at least one silane containing a methacrylic group.
- 12. (New) The liquid, curable duroplastic composition according to Claim 11, wherein the silica has the following properties:

BET surface area	m <sup>2</sup> /g	20 to 380
particle size NM		6 to 110
tamped density	g/l	50 to 600
pН		3 to 10
carbon content	%	0.1 to 15
DBP number	%	< 200

13. (New) The liquid, curable duroplastic composition according to Claim 11, wherein the silica has a BET surface area of approximately  $200~\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

- 14. (New) The liquid, curable duroplastic composition according to Claim 11, wherein the silica has been prepared by flame hydrolysis.
- 15. (New) The liquid, curable duroplastic composition according to Claim 11, wherein the silane is a methacryloxypropyltrialkoxysilane and the alkoxy is methoxy, ethoxy or propoxy.
- 16. (New) The liquid, curable duroplastic composition according to Claim 11, where the polymer is an unsaturated polyester.
  - 17. (New) A cured duroplastic composition formed from the composition of Claim 11.
  - 18. (New) A shaped article formed from the composition of Claim 11.